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**For: METHOD AND MEANS FOR MODULATING  
PLANT CELL CYCLE PROTEINS AND THEIR  
USE IN PLANT CELL GROWTH CONTROL**

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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

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Sir:

Prior to examination, please amend the above-identified patent application as follows:

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Please cancel Claims 1-22 without prejudice.

Please add the following new claims 23-39:

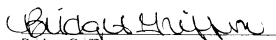
23. (New) A method for modulating endoreduplication in a plant or part thereof which comprises modifying expression or activity of E2Fa.

24. (New) The method of Claim 23 further comprising modifying expression or activity of DPa.

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